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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: SECOND NEGOTIATING MEETING

1. OUR TEAM (MYSELF, DUTCH AMBASSADOR, DEREK BRYCESON, DAVID HAMBURG AND EMBOFFS BEYER AND MACDOUGALL) MET AGAIN FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH PRP REPRESENTATIVES AT NOON JUNE 21, AFTER HOLDING PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS AMONG OURSELVES.

2. IN ACCORDANCE OUR AGREED ON PLAN, WE ADVISED PRP OF ACTIVE EFFORTS BY STUDENTS' PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO RAISE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE IN US AND NETHERLANDS, EXPLAINED SOME OF THEIR DIFFICULTIES (REFUSAL OF GOVERNMENTS AND RELUCTANCE OF OTHERS CONTRIBUTE TO RANSOM FUND PLUS CURRENT ECONOMIC PINCH) AND SAID THAT WHILE SUBSTANTIAL SUM ALREADY RAISED IT FAR BELOW ENORMOUS TOTAL PRP HAD DEMANDED. WE SUGGESTED THAT IN EFFORT RAISE MAXIMUM AMOUNT POSSIBLE WE SHOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS THROUGHOUT TODAY AND PRESENT FINAL TOTAL ARRIVED AT TO PRP TOMORROW JUNE 22. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE HAVE ANY INDICATION AS TO POSSIBLE RELEASE OF PRISONERS UNTIL WE COULD SEE NYERERE, NOT BEFORE SUNDAY AT EARLIEST. WE THEREFORE SUGGESTED AS SCENARIO THAT WE ADVISE
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PRP OF TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR RANSOM ON SUNDAY AND COME TO

AGREEMENT ON THAT, AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION ON PRISONERS ON MONDAY SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN KIGOMA AND EFFECT EXCHANGE COULD BEGIN THEN. NONDO ACCEDED TO THIS PROGRAM.

3. NONDO EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS THAT RADIO TANZANIA AND LOCAL PRESS HAVE NOT REPORTED RECEIPT OF NEW LETTERS FROM STUDENTS, AND EXPRESSED FEARS THAT HIS HEADQUARTERS BACK HOME WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIS MISSION. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD SEND TELEGRAM FOR HIM TO AN AGENT OF PRP IN KIGOMA. WE INFORMED HIM OF BROADCASTS MADE LAST NIGHT BY VOA, BBC, AND RADIO NETHERLANDS -- LATTER INCLUDING SPECIAL MESSAGE TO EMILIE BERGMANN REPEATED THREE TIMES DURING PROGRAM. (BBC REPORT, MOST UNHELPFULLY, COUPLED STUDENT STORY WITH OTHER KIDNAPPING CASES -- ONE WHERE \$61 MILLION RANSOM HAD BEEN PAID, AND ANOTHER WHERE KIDNAPPERS HAD RECEIVED RANSOM AND THEN RAISED THE ANTE.) HOWEVER, WE SAID WE WOULD BE WILLING SEND TELEGRAM, IF NONDO COULD PROVIDE TEXT WHICH WOULD NOT ENDANGER HIS SECURITY, OR OUR MAN IN KIGOMA (MACFARLANE) COULD DELIVER A MESSAGE.

4. NONDO EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WE HAD MAN IN KIGOMA; HAD HE KNOWN IT PRP COULD HAVE CONTACTED HIM THERE. BUT OUR MAN DIDN'T KNOW HIS MAN, AND THERE IS A LOT OF "PRESSURE" (IN CONTEXT, TANGOV SURVEILLANCE) IN AREA. NONDO DROPPED QUESTION OF TELEGRAM. WE THEN SAID THAT OUR MAN IN KIGOMA HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE THAT PRP REPRESENTATIVE WOULD CALL ON HIM THIS EVENING; NONDO SAID THAT NO PRP AGENT WOULD CONTACT ANYBODY UNTIL HE HAD REPORTED, AND WE SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS OF FRAUDS AND TRICKS. WE AGREED WE WOULD ONLY LISTEN TO ANY PURPORTED PRP EMISSARY AND WOULD NOT TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIM. WE COULD GIVE HIM TEXT OF STATEMENT ON LETTERS RELEASED YESTERDAY, AND IF HE GENUINE THIS WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY OF REASSURING PRP HEADQUARTERS THAT NONDO MISSION HAD CONTACTED US SAFELY.

5. WE THEN STRESSED TO NONDO THAT WE WERE EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO BRING NEGOTIATIONS TO A FINAL AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION DURING OUR SESSIONS HERE, WITHOUT THE DANGEROUS NECESSITY OF HIS RETURNING TO HIS BASE FOR MORE INSTRUCTIONS. NONDO SAID HE WAS EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE AND MAKE DECISIONS ON THE PART OF PRP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND HE CONCURRED THAT MULTIPLE VOYAGES
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WOULD BE INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS AND THAT IT WOULD BE BEST COME TO FINAL AGREEMENT HERE AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. WE THEN POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE WOULD MAINTAIN FAITH AND MAKE EFFORT OBTAIN RELEASE OF PRP PRISONERS HELD BY TANGOV, WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS, AND WE BELIEVED THAT CHANCES OF PRISONERS BEING RELEASED WOULD BE MUCH BETTER AFTER STUDENTS SAFELY RETURNED. NONDO EXPRESSED GREAT LACK OF

CONFIDENCE THAT NYERERE WOULD KEEP HIS WORD EVEN IF HE PROMISED US THAT PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED, AND THAT IF PROMISE WAS NOT FULFILLED HE COULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HIS PEOPLE BACK HOME MIGHT DO -- THOUGH HE NOTED THAT BY THAT TIME STUDENTS WOULD BE RETURNED. HE ASKED WHY NYERERE COULD NOT RELEASE ONE PRISONER NOW AS TOKEN OF GOOD FAITH, AND THE OTHERS AFTER STUDENTS RETURN. WE SAID WE WOULD URGE NYERERE TO DO SO.

7. AS MEETING DREW TO A CLOSE, NONDO REMARKED THAT AS TOKEN OF ITS GOOD WILL AND DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP, PRP PLANNED GIVE GIFTS TO THREE STUDENTS, INCLUDING AN ELEPHANT TUSK AND 2 KILOGRAMS OF GOLD EACH* HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND ASKED THAT WHILE OF COURSE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET HE WOULD LIKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SESSIONS TO TAKE BACK TO HEADQUARTERS AS EVIDENCE OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS. WE PROMISED ARRANGE THIS. HE ALSO ASKED FOR FULL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS ON OUR SIDE FOR HIS "ARCHIVES" AT HOME; WHO KNOWS, HE SAID, WE MIGHT BE THE FIRST FOREIGNERS INVITED VISIT HIS COUNTRY*

8. FINALLY, NONDO LAUNCHED INTO A LENGTHY OUTLINE OF PRP'S ORGANIZATION AND AGENCIES (WE WILL REPORT SEPARATELY).

9. DURING VARIOUS INTERVALS OF MAIN CONVERSATIONS, NONDO REITERATED HIS PARTY'S GRIEVANCES AGAINST TANGOV -- LARGELY AS SIDE CONVERSATIONS IN SWAHILI WITH BRYCESON. HE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH BRYCESON THE DESIREABILITY OF THE LATTERS USING HIS INFLUENCE AND ACCESS TO NYERERE TO INFORM HIM ABOUT PRP AND CORRECT HIS OBVIOUS MISINFORMATION ABOUT IT. BRYCESON AGREED TO THIS, AND THERE WAS SOME TALK THAT THIS MIGHT HERALD A NEW ERA IN TANGOV-PRP RELATIONS.

10. PRP EMISSARIES REMAIN INSIDE EMBASSY CHANCERY, WHERE WE
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ARE PROVIDING FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS. THEY APPEAR CONTENT, AND WERE RELAXED AND CONFIDENT, AT TIMES EVEN JOVIAL, THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, THOUGH NONDO COMPLAINS OF A HEADACHE AND SORE THROAT (WE HAVE PROVIDED ASPIRIN AND LOZENGERS).
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